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In re Application of: :
Oskar J. Painter et al. : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Serial No.: 10/037,966 :
Filed: December 21, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No.: CQC14NP :

This is a response to the communication, filed February 13, 2004, via facsimile transmission. The communication is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

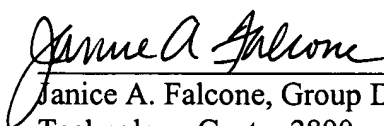
This application was held abandoned for failure to respond in a timely manner to the non-final Office action of July 9, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 5, 2004.

Petitioner has submitted a copy of a return postcard receipt on which the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) acknowledges receipt of a Request for Reconsideration, a Transmittal Letter and a stamped self-addressed return postcard for the above-identifies application on October 1, 2003. Copies of the Request for Reconsideration and the Transmittal Letter were submitted along with the postcard receipt.

The response was not of record at the time the Notice of Abandonment was mailed but has since been associated with the application file. The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn. Inconvenience to the applicant is regretted.

An Office action will be issued in due course.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Hien H. Phan, Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-1606.


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